

**Minutes**  
**North Lake Management District**  
**August 28, 2012**  
**Annual Property Owner's Meeting**  
**Merton Town Hall**

Call to Order

In compliance with Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the by-laws of the North Lake Management District, Notice of this meeting was published in the Lake Country Reporter on successive and timely August dates as required. In addition, a copy of the Notice was mailed to all known eligible electors of the district. The Notice stipulated that copies of the Actual Financial Statement for the period 7/1/11 through 6/30/12, the Proposed 2013 Budget and Property Owners' Special Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2011 were available at both the Town of Merton and the Chenequa Village Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Jerry Heine  
Jim Schneider

Mark Lichte  
Don Reinbold

Dick Morris, excused

Also Present: As stated on sign in sheet.

Chairman Heine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Heine introduced Commissioners, Committee Heads and Special Guests.

Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2011 Property Owners' Special Meeting

Motion by Fred Luedke, seconded by Rob Moebius to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 Property Owners' Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Review of Fiscal 2012 Financial Statement.

Commissioner Don Reinbold presented and reviewed the Actual Receipts and Disbursements Compared to Budget for the period 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 and the 6/30/12 Balance Sheet. Motion by Sam Bradt, seconded by John McBroom to approve the Fiscal 2012 Financial Statement as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## Committee Reports

*Public Access*—Rob Moebius representing the RRNA, explained what the RRNA was and introduced Attorney Bill Gleisner who is legal counsel for the RRNA. Bill Gleisner reviewed the lawsuit that the RRNA has against the DNR. He stated one was on appeal and two are pending in Waukesha County and feels that the RRNA has a good chance prevailing on several issues. He also mentioned that they are a private organization and are looking for monetary donations to help fund their cause which he stated in the long run affects all properties on North Lake.

Bronson Haase gave a brief historical review of public access on North Lake. He also stated that the Public Access Committee meets regularly with governmental officials, public safety officials and public access experts. He also stated that the Public Access Committee has been supporting the RRNA's efforts. Bronson said that he could not discuss the current activities as it would be premature and could jeopardize future success and when things solidify they will advise the property owners.

*Environmental and Water Quality Committee* – Jerry Heine stated the Study of Inlets to North Lake included the Oconomowoc River, Mason Creek, Little Oconomowoc River and North Lake itself. He then introduced Jerry Kaster who performed the study and gave an overview of his North Lake and Tributaries Study:

- Sediment carries nutrients
- Areas of concern are mainly agricultural areas
- Funk's Dam changed the ecology of North lake
- Wetland mitigation site would help
- Little sediment in Little and Big Oconomowoc Rivers and not his priority areas
- Oxygen profile is getting worse
- Looking at eutrophication
- Want water oxygen levels as close to the bottom as possible
- The problem area is Mason Creek

He stated two potential solutions that should be considered – Alum Treatment and Aeration.

Jeffrey Thornton from the SEWRPC then spoke. He stated that the water quality was good in the Oconomowoc River and the Little Oconomowoc River. He also stated that the Mason Creek Committee consisted of NLMD, Carroll University, Tall Pines Conservancy, WDNR and SEWRPC. NLMD was awarded a River Protection Grant which is to deliver a plan to manage the watershed. The Mason Creek Protection Project will be performed from May 1, 2012 until December 31, 2014. He also stated there is no cash outlay at this point.

A representative from Lakeland Biologists gave an overview of the Aquatic Plant Survey they performed on Big North Lake. He stated two invasive species are in North Lake;

Eurasian Milfoil and Curly-Leaf Pondweed. He also mentioned that there are 17 species of aquatic plants in North Lake and all but two of them are good for the lake.

Jim Bast reported that 2012 has been the worst year for weed growth that he has seen.

He then gave a presentation regarding the potential purchase of an aquatic skimmer/harvester for North Lake. He stated the machine they have been looking at is the size of a pontoon boat and it would be used to primarily skim weeds and algae, however, it could cut navigation channels. He said it can operate in shallow water and that the waste is offloaded onto a trailer. He also stated that it could also be used for dockside weed pickup. He then reviewed the purchase/operation budget for the skimmer/harvester.

Further discussion was had regarding the potential purchase of an aquatic plant skimmer/cutter. After questions were answered a secret ballot vote was taken on a pre-printed ballot. "Option 1. Purchase an Aquatic Plant Harvester/Skimmer now at an increase of \$50-\$75 per year in the annual fee per property for the purchase and operation of an Aquatic Plant Harvester/Skimmer. Obtain a 10 year loan for purchase of equipment." won by secret ballot. Votes were as follows: Option 1-64 votes; Option 2-17 votes; and Option 3-2 votes. Motion by Walter Schaeffer, seconded by Bill Gleisner to appoint the Commissioners to obtain a loan not to exceed \$120,000 from the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Motion carried unanimously.

John Muehl stated that the zebra mussels were smaller this year. He also reported that the NLMD will apply with the DNR to allow treatment of Eurasian Milfoil wherever it was deemed necessary. He also thanked those property owners who have planted buffer zones and encouraged everyone to start a buffer on at least part of their shoreline. He suggested looking for nutrient absorbing plants when selecting plants for a shoreline buffer.

Jim Schneider reported that he has been taking monthly water samples on North Lake and is receiving sporadic readings this year. He stated that all readings taken are recorded and available for viewing on the DNR website.

Laurie Schneider reported that the pier regulations instituted by the DNR have been repealed, however, a person's pier cannot impede on a neighbor's access to the lake. It was also reported that Village, Town or City lake laws cannot be more strict than what the DNR has in place.

Wally Schaeffer reported that the NLMD uses email as much as possible for communication and asked anyone who had not submitted their email address to do so to receive timely information. The website for the NLMD is updated on a regular basis and all information regarding the management district is posted on the website, [www.nlmd.org](http://www.nlmd.org).

*Monches Dam* – It was reported by Wally Schaeffer that a meeting between Waukesha County, DNR and NLMD has resolved the remaining differences for the replacement of Hwy E Bridge and Monches Dam. NLMD and George Strobl are working together to

lower the water in Monches Pond as approved by the DNR. He also reported that the second payment on the Monches Loan will be due in the first quarter of 2013. NLMD share of this project is \$115,000.

#### Discussion and Action on Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2013

Commissioner Don Reinbold reviewed and explained revisions to the proposed Fiscal 2013 Budget. Secret ballot vote taken. Motion carried. 64 yes and 3 no.

#### Election of Commissioner for Three (3) Year Term

Jerry Heine stated that the Commissioners were nominating Don Reinbold for Commissioner. Nominations from the floor were requested but none were offered. Nominations were closed. Vote was taken by secret ballot. Don Reinbold was re-elected as Commissioner. 63 yes and 3 no.

*Fish Management Committee* – Jerry Heine reported that there has been no fish stocking done for the past two years due to budget restraints.

Jerry Heine reported that the goose problem has improved. If you see a nest, call Dan Aicher.

He also stated that the new high water alert marker is a big, 3 sided, lime green buoy. He also stated that emails will be sent out in the event of a high water event.

*Finance Committee*—Sam Bradt stated that the audit of the NLMD financial statement for Fiscal 2012 has been completed and no problems have been reported. The committee will be receiving the final audit report soon. He stated anyone wishing a copy of the report via email should contact him.

#### Adjourn

Motion by Pat Schaeffer, seconded by Bill Gleisner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Grosch